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**THE POLITICAL BOT BEGINNING TO BILE**

There are three avowed candidates already in the field for governor. Hon. Clarence Farmer of Dallas, Bill McCraw, the present attorney general, and it is pretty certain that Ernest Thompson, railroad commissioner, will enter the race soon after the first of the year, and the present governor, Jimmie Allred, is not out of the running yet. Before many moons the political pot will begin to bile. "Let 'er bile." It is one of those things that we have at regular two year intervals. There will be many promises of tax reduction and less expenses by doing away with many boards and commissions and economy all along the line, but we will bet the biggest watermelon we can find next summer that when they begin talking about saving the state money that not one of them will name the boards and commissions they will ask to be discontinued or the exact place where they will begin asking economies.

**600 POUNDS LINT COTTON PER ACRE**

The county agent of Erath county, H. L. Knight, and the chamber of commerce organized the 4-H boys around Dublin and Stephenville and had them to experiment in raising cotton, and offered a prize to the three boys who grew the most lint cotton on three acres. They got the cooperation of 20 boys. They measured off three acres to each boy. The farms where these boys were located were terraced, and the boys did not use commercial fertilizer, but used barn yard fertilizer, with the result that two of these boys produced more than 600 pounds lint cotton per acre. A third produced 590 pounds per acre and all of the boys that went into the contest produced much more than an average yield. These boys used Watson's Mebane seed and the cotton had a good staple also. This cotton would have produced an income of \$48.00 per acre at 8 cents per pound, while the average yield over the state was only 191 pounds, which produced the grower only \$17.19 per acre at 9 cents if he placed it in the loan.

This appears to be the solution for the farmer in Texas, to build his soil up and produce more cotton to the acre, and bring down the cost of production in order that he might compete with foreign markets and retrieve the lost trade from foreign countries. Our exports are running about three hundred thousand bales ahead of last season since the price of cotton has gotten down on a world's basis and they will continue to

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**THE REST OF THE RECORD**

**JAMES V. ALLRED Governor of Texas**

AUSTIN.—It should be good news to Tom, Dick and Harry that unemployment insurance starts in Texas next Saturday, January 1. It means to these workers that in the event they lose their jobs in 1938, they will have a windfall to help out until they can secure employment.

Who doesn't remember those depressing days of 1933 when men walked the streets searching for employment, knowing that their cash reserve, if any, was rapidly dwindling? These men had no hope of help, then from the government, only a blind faith that somehow they would "muddle through." To prevent the recurrence of those cruel days, something has been done about it!

Nineteen hundred thirty-eight marks a new era as the state and federal governments jointly enter upon the humanitarian program of the president by assisting out-of-work employees in finding new employment and in providing him with funds during unemployment. Already in the field are sixty employees of the Texas Unemployment Commission stationed at twelve district offices ready to serve the 12,600 employers and 875,000 employees who are enrolled under the Texas Unemployment Compensation Act.

In almost every town in Texas, the Texas State Employment Service has an office where the unemployed may register for work. Every effort will be made by the service office to place the applicants. During the past few months scores of thousands have secured jobs in private employment arranged through the Employment Service.

Under the Compensation Act, if Tom, Dick and Harry lose their jobs, these men must go to the employment service office in their town and register for work. During a two week period in which time the applicants must report once a week to the office, every effort will be made to find them jobs. If the search is fruitless, these men will be entitled to receive cash benefits payable weekly. The maximum payment is \$15 per week, minimum \$2, but they will be eligible for benefits not more than sixteen weeks in one year, provided that their earnings have been sufficient to allow it.

If the applicants are receiving Workmen's Compensation or Old Age Assistance, unless the assistance is a less amount than the individual would be entitled to under the law, they will not be eligible for benefits.

An employee to be eligible under the law must have been employed by an employer of 8 or more persons and his wages must have been reported to the Unemployment Compensation Commission by that employer under the employee's name and social security account number.

Every employer is being furnished with detailed instructions concerning the proper form of reports and the method for filing of claims for benefits. Employees should acquaint themselves with this information either through their employer or by writing directly to the Unemployment Compensation Commission at Austin.

Shortly after the enactment of the Federal Social Security Act, I commissioned two attorneys to study unemployment insurance systems in other states and countries in order to determine the system most suitable to Texas. Such a system has been worked out with proper regard for two important features: first, that the system would not cause a tendency to lower wages; secondly, that no great hardship would be created for business and industrial employers.

Already a reserve fund amounting to approximately eighteen million dollars has been built up resulting from taxes collected during 1937. Such taxes were levied by the Federal government and would have been collected whether the state joined in the program or not. In submitting the subject at the called session in September, 1936, where it was passed and signed by me, Texas was insured of participation in this humanitarian program.

Thus, Texas enters a new era where a helping hand is being extended by the state to the unemployed. The New Year should bring a feeling of security to Tom, Dick, and Harry.

**Fast Work**  
"Good morning, Parson. Haven't seen you lately."  
"No, captain, I've been busy. Only this morning I married three couples in fifteen minutes."  
"Smart going, Parson. That's twelve knots an hour."

**MERCHANT MARINE**

A committee of the United States Chamber of Commerce closes a study of the merchant marine problem by recommending private ownership with rather liberal government subsidies. There was a hundred per cent chance that this would be the recommendation even before the study was begun. No one would expect a committee of the chamber to recommend government ownership, and everyone knows that it would be utter folly to expect any kind of American merchant marine to compete with foreign shipping without government subsidy.

However, the committee's recommendation probably offers a practical compromise. The one issue remaining is the degree to which government subsidy should be extended. It ought to be possible to settle this issue by offering enough government aid, but only enough to inveigle private capital to enter the field. If the Maritime Commission can be kept in the hands of men who are intelligent and patriotic there will be no difficulty in following this course.

The United States needs a strong merchant marine for both peace-time and war-time purposes. Such a marine can be built up and maintained without an excessive drain on the Federal Treasury. It has not been done despite more than two decades of effort, but the reason for the failure is no mystery. All that is needed is the adoption of a consistent policy under a competent, honest board that will eliminate partiality and graft. In his recent report advising a thorough survey before increasing expenditures, Chairman Joseph P. Kennedy showed that he realized the real nature of the problem headed by him. If the commission is left in the hands of men like Mr. Kennedy for ten years, the country will awake to the realization that it has, for the first time, made some real progress toward the long wished for merchant marine.—Dallas News.

**HUMAN SUFFERING SEEN AT WORST IN JOBLESS FILES**

WASHINGTON.—For an overflowing reservoir of human suffering, Administrator John D. Biggers recommended today the file rooms of the government's unemployment census office.

There are stored the questionnaires filled out last month by millions of men and women who wanted jobs. Bundled up according to cities and counties, the cards have been stacked away until the shelves could hold no more.

"The thing that impresses me about these files," Biggers said, "is that every one of these cards was sent here by some man or woman, all of them wanting work. A lot of misery," he added gravely.

Next month Congress will get a condensed version of what the cards contain. Biggers said the total figure on unemployment would be ready Jan. 3.

**For the Family**  
"What did you give your baby for his first birthday?" asked Mrs. Richards.  
"We opened his money-box," replied her friend, "and gave him a lovely electric iron."



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**DAN HORN NEWS**

Sunday school at 10 o'clock Sunday, Jan. 3, after which plans for our work for 1938 will be discussed during the 11 o'clock hour. There will be a question of vital importance to come before the people of all denominations of the entire community. We feel that this will be a step toward the up-building of our Sunday school and church work that should concern every man, woman, boy and girl of this community.

Please come and feel free to express your opinion on this question.—Otis Brown.

Walter McCarver and Medlin Wallace of McCamey, and Atkin Wallace of Lamesa visited with Mrs. Sam Holland and Mr. Lee Friday evening.

Ernest Brooks of Cohoma spent the week-end with home folks.

Bruce Starr, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improving.

Paul McCulloch of Wink spent the holidays with his father, G. L. McCulloch and Mrs. McCulloch.

Christmas dinner at the home of Mrs. W. M. Weed and son, Ernest, was enjoyed very much. Marshal Weed and family of Big Springs, Marvin Weed and family of Union, Mrs. Claude King and family of Putnam, Mrs. R. C. Speegle and family of Dothan, and Miss Willit Weed of Cisco were present.

R. C. Harlow received a message Friday that his son, Aubrey, was very ill in a sanitarium at Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Holm and daughter, Miss Stella, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dillon and daughter, Miss Bruna, of Reich.

**Oh!**  
Milliner—"That dark hat goes wonderfully well with your pale complexion, madam."  
Customer (breathlessly)—"But I only became pale when I heard the price."

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SCRANTON

Christmas with its joys is in the past and the New Year will be near by the time this goes to press.

Miss Barbara Harlow of Dallas spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Harlow.

Jack Shrader returned to Fort Worth Sunday after spending the holidays with homefolks.

Orval Black returned to Dallas Sunday after a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Black.

Mrs. E. M. Snoddy had as her holiday guests her sons, Wallace McCarver and family of Iraan, Walter McCarver and family of McCamey, and nephews, Adkin and Medin Wallace of McCamey.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Ledbetter and daughter of Fort Worth visited homefolks during the holidays.

Pete Sprawls and family of Lamesa are visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Gertrude Sprawls and daughter, Miss Frances, of Baird, spent Christmas with Mrs. B. T. Leveridge.

Miss Mary Black returned home Friday after several months stay in Austin.

Richmond Sprawls and John Hammond of Tulsa were business visitors here Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Gattis left Sunday morning for Dallas. They will visit in the home of Mrs. Gattis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Coulter and Mr. Gattis will do some buying for the store while there.

J. D. Sprawls and W. E. Faires are visiting in Fort Worth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman O'Brien, a 10 pound boy the 27th. Mother and babe both doing well.

HUMAN HEARTS, IN SOME CASES, SHAM SICKNESS

NEW YORK.—Human hearts can, and in some cases do, sham sickness, medical science has discovered.

Warning of this strange fact is given to the public and doctors in a careful study published by Dr. Louis F. Bishop Jr., distinguished heart specialist of Bellevue Hospital here, it was learned.

The persons who experience sham heart sickness have sudden attacks of "tachycardia," rapid palpitation of the heart, Dr. Bishop pointed out. Fearing real heart disease, he added, they rush to the physician's office and have electrocardiograms taken.

Such records of the heart action indicate an unusual behavior of the heart muscle. Now, as a result the study medical science can clearly tell whether the apparent rapid heart action attacks signify a real disease.

Dr. Bishop cites a highly instructive case:

"In the case of an only son of a Spanish family living in Mexico, the family had spent seven months reconciling themselves to the fate before them. They were reluctant to relinquish the state of martyrdom."

Despite all the family worry, the "patient" was athletic and had a perfectly sound heart, shaming signs of illness.

Dr. Bishop says that the only treatment is mental. These persons must realize, on the physician's assurance, that rapid heart beat attacks are a sort of nature's play, not disease, he said.

Something

Haughty Woman—"Did any of your ancestors do anything to posterity to cause you to remember them?"

Farmer—"I reckon the did. They put a mortgage on this farm that ain't paid off yet."

FARM NOTES

So Long!

To people whom one has learned to think a great deal about, one never says goodbye because that carries with it the idea that probably one will never meet them again. That is not our hope today but on the contrary we mean only, "So long, I'll see you again."

It doesn't seem that it has been long since one hot June day in 1933 I came here but in reality four and one-half years have slipped by since first we met here in and over Callahan county. Together we initiated a new series of economic relationships never before attempted among the farmers. During these years the people of Callahan have helped me to successfully end each of the A. A. A. programs that has been offered by the Congress. I think it is fitting at this time to say that our county has been among the top few to receive the benefit checks first and that this has been accomplished by having a set of committeemen who were sincere and who were willing to study the programs and then due credit should go to the farmers themselves who, after having heard the programs discussed, entered into them and carried them out to completion. After this work was done the thing that actually caused the programs to receive prompt attention at the state office was due to the correct handling of the necessary forms by the office personnel here at Baird. I think no county has ever assembled a more loyal, more efficient, and a more gracious group of helpers than these men and women who have helped during these 4 1-2 years.

The ones I am thinking of especially are Mr. A. L. Cook, assistant in Agricultural Conservation, Mrs. Myrtle Corn, who has been my secretary for the past three years, having succeeded my sister, Mrs. J. H. Rhodes who efficiently served during the cattle buying and plow-up program, and Mr. Buford Tyson, who has been in the office a little more than a year. Then there are those girls who have helped only at odd intervals, Misses Edith Lewis, Mary Mae Tyson, Frances Mayfield, Maxine Williams, Lula Mae Hart, Mrs. Shelba Hollingshead, and Mrs. Ruby Young. One other individual who was connected with the office in various programs such as the drought relief purchasing program, the wheat program, and the recent measuring of the farms is James C. Asbury. He has been a friend whom I have called upon many times and always in whom I found a ready response, able help, and efficient service. These people will remain in the office to assist the new county agent. They know and like the work and at any time the farmers of this county may receive prompt and efficient service by stating the problem to any of them in the office. I think it is the best organization that can be found anywhere.

As we look back over the seemingly short period we remember that very little Extension work had been done heretofore. People had not learned the value that might be received from Extension Service. There were no 4-H clubs, today 132 boys show on the enrollment cards and 32 of these boys received emblems this year in recognition for having finished their year's work and others are yet planning to make their reports. About \$650,000 has been earned by the farmers and ranchers of the county during this period through A. A. A. benefits. It was estimated that about 500 acres were actually under terraces in 1933 but today upwards of 12,000 acres have standard broad base terraces constructed, in the main, by county machinery. New varieties of grapes have been introduced onto old stocks that have completely revamped various vineyards in the county. Much budding and grafting of pecans and walnuts has been done. About 100,000 acres of range land has been incorporated in a game preserve which was launched for the first time this year. More than 75 markers have been constructed and bought by the men who signed their land under this voluntary arrangement. Some fifty range

tanks have been constructed this year for which the county may receive about \$35,000 in helping to defray the expense of their construction. There were no trench silos in 1933 but today 15 are known to the agent with a capacity of 1,000 tons of feed. All in all the agricultural situation, we feel, is much brighter than it was four years ago. What little part we have had in seeing these things materialize has been a sincere pleasure.

I have tried to see that every individual received the maximum amount of government benefits from his cooperation. I have appreciated every act and expression of courtesy that has been extended to me while here. If the same cooperation is given to the new county agent I believe the programs will be still more successful than they have been in the past.

I am going to a location that abounds in beautiful flowing streams and woodlands that are populated with, reputedly, the largest deer in Texas. Naturally I am going to expect to see some of you coming that way in search of genuine sportsman's pleasure. If the weather permits I hope to see every farmer in the county before I leave on January 3rd, but if not, it has been a genuine pleasure to have served you and now, so long.

ROSS B. JENKINS, Callahan County Agent.

ZION HILL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer, Mrs. Clydine Wallace and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey were shopping in Cisco Friday. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown.

Mrs. S. F. Ingram and Miss Faye Weeks visited Mrs. S. R. Ingram's sister at Stamford Sunday.

Mrs. O. L. Slatton was shopping in Cisco Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Kennedy and Mrs. M. B. Sprawls were Baird visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Taylor and family were Baird visitors Saturday.

S. F. Ingram and Miss Faye Weeks were business visitors in Baird Monday.

O. L. Slatton's father is here to spend the Christmas holidays.

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Mrs. J. R. Morgan and daughter, Nina, visited Mrs. J. A. Heyser and Miss Luveda Sunday.

Mrs. Reuben Sanders and daughters, Mr. Wayne Dennis, Miss Ila Dennis and Mrs. Deal, formerly Miss Iva Dennis, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Madron and children of California are here to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Madron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Bentley.

Miss Marie Baker spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Ramsey.

They were Lavern Foster and Mary Foster.

There were thirteen members present. They were Destine Pillans, Helen Riffe, Jarnell Foster, Lavern Lovelady, Ruby Nell Riffe, Edna Earl Barron, Ella Mae Riffe, Doyce Purvis, Lois Gayle Lovelady, Winona Purvis, Maidie Neal Pillans and Sibyl Sessions.

All the members of the club are proud of what our club has done this year, although we have been organized only a short time. But we plan to improve our club work as the New Year begins, and continue it through the coming year.

After Miss Brown gave a short talk the motion was made to adjourn.

The next meeting will be at the school house Tuesday, Jan. 4th. All visitors are invited to attend.

Our club wishes all the 4-H clubs, demonstrators and everyone else a happy and prosperous New Year.

Sibyl Sessions, Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer and Mrs. Clydine Wallace and daughter, Janie, visited Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Clemmer Sunday afternoon.

Joe Anlin visited Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer Saturday morning. Mr. and Mrs. Altis Clemmer and Mrs. Clydine Wallace and daughter, Jamie, stopped with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Reid and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Morgan Sunday.

Fred Heyser attended the theatre at Cisco Sunday night.

ATWELL 4-H CLUB NEWS

The Atwell 4-H club girls met with Miss Brown at the school house Tuesday, Dec. 21st.

Miss Brown gave us pamphlets to read and she also gave us our year books which are really nice and pretty and everyone should be proud of them.

There were two members at

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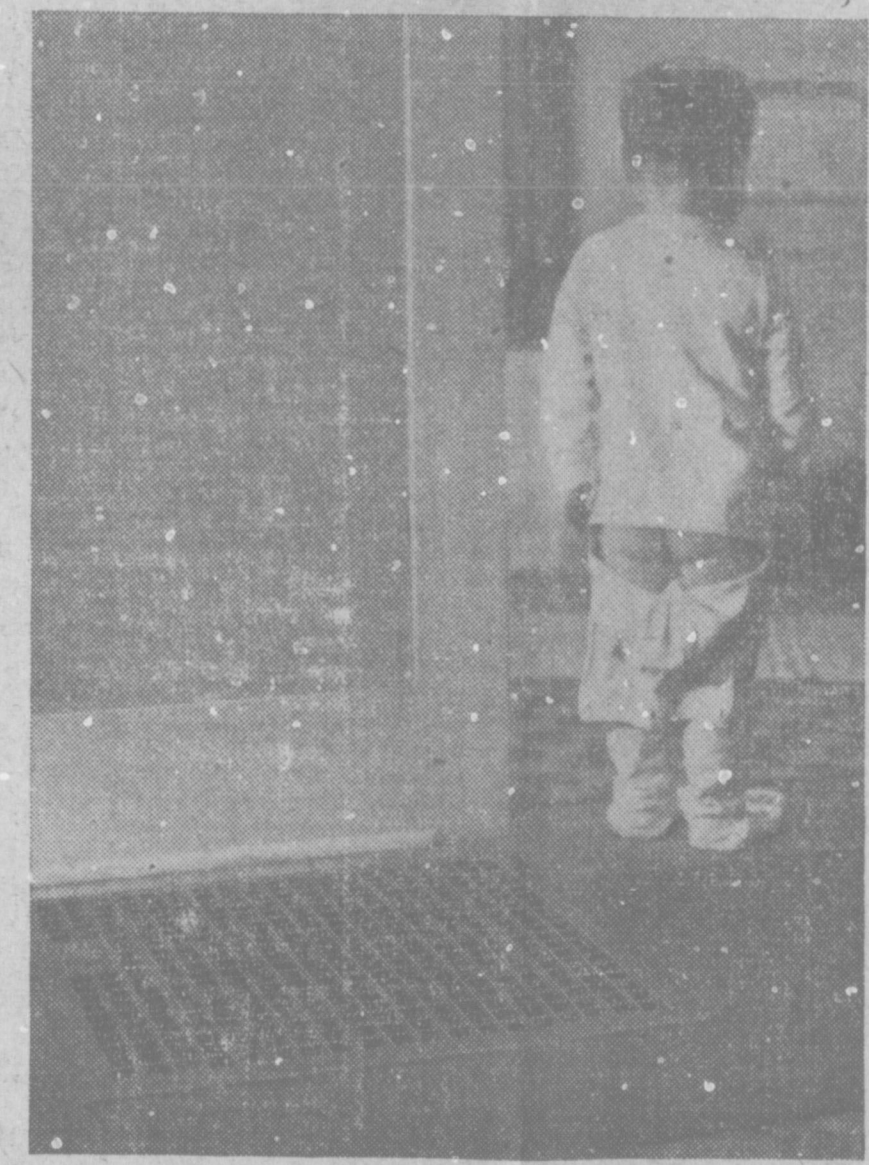
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Sibyl Sessions, Reporter.

MEADOWS' BEAUTY SALON advertisement featuring a portrait of a woman and text: "Let one of your New Year's Resolutions be—Always Well Groomed. Let us help you by keeping your hair, nails and face finished, their best." Location: Leotis Meadows, Baird, Texas.

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2217 Mistletoe Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas
4th. MRS. J. D. COULTER \$25.00
210 East Wise Street, Bowie, Texas

\$10.00 in cash was awarded to these 100 entrants for the 10 best Photos of each week of contest

Table listing winners for 1st through 10th weeks of the photo contest, including names and locations such as Wichita Falls, Bowie, Dallas, and El Paso.

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